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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6125

BILL NUMBER: HB 1116

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 27, 2004

BILL AMENDED: Jan 26, 2004

SUBJECT: Historic Site Fees.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Lytle

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill makes changes to the organization and duties of the Division of State Museums and Historic Sites and the Division's board of trustees. The bill provides for the donation, exchange, and sale of items contained in the Division of State Museums and Historic Sites' collection. It establishes the Historic Site Fund and requires the deposit of money generated by a historic site in the fund. This bill also provides that at least 51% of the fees collected from a particular historic site must be used for the educational programs at the historic site and for the maintenance and operation of the historic site. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the Natural Resources Study Committee.)

Effective Date: April 1, 2004.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised)

Organization of the Division. Under current law, the Division consists of two sections: the section of museums and the section of historic sites. Currently, the Division director may not serve as the head of a section of the Division and an individual may not serve as the head of more than one section of the Division. This proposal allows the Division director to head a section of the Division and allows an individual to head both divisions. This provision could change administrative expenses for the Department. The fiscal impact will depend on how the Department elects to implement the provision.

Donation, Exchange, and Sale of Items. The proposal also allows the Division of State Museums and Historic Sites to do the following:

- (1) Employ or contract with a person to manage or operate any aspect of the state museum or historic sites.
- (2) Pay royalties, license fees, and charges for exhibits, artifacts, artwork, and other materials.
- (3) Make and sell merchandise, including publications, reproductions, educational and craft items,

and souvenirs.

(4) Donate or exchange artifacts in the division's collection to or with a public or nonprofit museum, a historical society, a university, or a similar institution; or sell items in the division's collection at auction or public sale.

The fiscal impact of these provisions is indeterminable but will depend on current practice and how the DNR elects to implement the provisions.

Board of Trustees. The bill also changes the composition of the board of trustees for the Division of State Museums and Historic Sites; however, the number of trustees remain at 13. A fiscal impact would result only if new members resulted in different reimbursements for mileage. However, this impact is not expected to be significant.

The bill also eliminates provisions that require the trustees to make recommendations concerning salary ranges of the administrative, professional, and technical staff of the division. It is anticipated that this provision would not result in a significant fiscal impact.

Historic Sites Fund. The bill establishes the Historic Site Fund to assist in providing funding for educational programs and the maintenance and operation of historic sites. At least 51% of the funds collected from a particular historic site must be used to benefit that site. The fund must be administered by the division. The expenses of administering the fund must be paid from money in the fund.

Explanation of State Revenues: (Revised) The bill establishes the Historic Site Fund to assist in providing funding for educational programs and the maintenance and operation of historic sites. The Treasurer of State must invest money in the fund not currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same manner as other public money may be invested. Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not revert to the state General Fund. Money in the fund is annually appropriated to the Division. The fund consists of proceeds from sales and leases and other proceeds generated by the historic sites.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Natural Resources Commission, the DNR's Division of State Museums and Historic Sites, and the Treasurer of State.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: DNR.

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